

Did You Know 3.93.21

Happy Second Week of March! Looks like we're going to get a taste of sunshine to help the daffodils bloom, then rain to make them smile! I found some cool stuff this week that I can't wait to share with you! Check it out!

1. You can **help end Alzheimer's disease**! This form of dementia is the 7th largest killer in the world and there is NO cure!! Now we can help! Through the [website](#), I found a link to a "game" that EVERYONE can help with. It's **called Stallcatchers** and it allows "citizen-scientists" to review scanned images of the blood flow in the brain to look for "stalls" which is a blockage in the blood flow. It's so cool and appropriate for any middle school, high school or adult to participate in. It's like playing a game that helps scientists review a ton of data that they would never have time to do! Use this as a community service for HOSA, add to a lesson on Alzheimers or just use it to kill time before class let's out! [Stall Catchers](#)
2. The **Medical Assisting** group met on Thursday March 4, 2021. The recording will be saved to the Medical Assisting area on ctyou.org, as well as the power point and all resources discussed. I will also attach a spreadsheet with all MA teachers that I know of as of today. Which group wants to be next???
3. **Cultural Diversity and Disparities in Healthcare**. On February 25th, HOSA-Future Health Professionals and National Geographic Learning and Cengage partnered in hosting a timely and valuable webinar for over 200 attendees on the topic of diversity and disparities issues as they are integrated into textbooks published by NGL/Cengage and what HOSA is doing to meet a vitally important current issue.

If you were unable to join the webinar, the webinar replay is posted at the following link on NGL & Cengage's website:

[The Need for Diversity in Health Science Curriculum](#)

4. The American Academy of Family Physicians and **National HOSA** have created a partnership to work together on the shortage of family medicine physicians by 2030. AAFP is one of HOSA's newest Elite partners which will include:
 - Release of a **new competitive event in the Leadership Category in the 2021-2022 membership year**. More information will be released with the guidelines in the guidelines next August, 2021.
 - **Family Medicine Career Knowledge Test in HOSA's Academic Testing – being released for June 2021 for ILC**. **Be sure to let your HOSA chapters know about this exciting new event as a part of HOSA's NGL Academic Testing Center. The resources will be on HOSA's website under the guideline section.**
5. Time change is this weekend!! Don't forget to "**spring forward**" into more daylight hours....so now it will look bad when I go to sleep at 8:30pm!!!
6. **HOSA ILC going virtual** this year—the word is finally in. HOSA: Future Health Professionals International Leadership Conference will be held virtually—be sure to watch for Debbie's Email or look for Email #10 on the okhosa.org website under State Leadership Conference!

7. The new 2nd edition of **Anatomy & Physiology Essentials** by Goodheart-Willcox includes a lab manual with activities, lab investigations, and dissections,. This full-color manual can be used as a supplement to the textbook but is also designed to be used independently in A 7 P lab courses. Available in print and online! Learn more at Wednesday's Webinar! **"Hands On Anatomy & Physiology with Saskia Richter"**, Wednesday, March 10, 2021, 3:00 PM Central Time, [Click here to register for the webinar](#)
8. I'm so excited to report that we have almost 20 recipients of the 100 scholarships for the \$2000 **Nurse Refresher** course. Check out the website to see who offers this course close to you and help friends or family take advantage of a lapsed license!
9. If you don't hang on my every word on facebook (ha!) then you may not know I'm a fan of **New Amsterdam**, the medical drama on NBC. Season 3 started last week and I didn't make it through the intro without sobbing like a baby. They did an absolutely BEAUTIFUL, real, painful, sad, **tribute** to the men and women of healthcare who have weathered this pandemic. Please watch and share with your healthcare worker friends as a "thank you". And tell them a special thank you from me!
<https://youtu.be/HyRiC3cd0HE>
10. And speaking of the pandemic.....another resource that you might use for student investigation into the real lives of those living through COVID-19 can be found in the series "Voices From the Pandemic" by the Washington Post" where individuals tell THEIR stories from THEIR perspectives....families, elderly, paramedics, food lines, fear of the vaccine, etc. <https://youtu.be/HyRiC3cd0HE>

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